



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
**SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS**  
**Sunday 20 November 2022**  
**Reign of Christ**



**Lk 23: 33-43**

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”<sup>[a]</sup> And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. <sup>35</sup> The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar <sup>37</sup> and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” <sup>38</sup> There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the Jews. <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who hung there, hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.

## **This Week.**

**Quiet day**                    **9.30am Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**  
**Adult Fellowship**   **1.30pm Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
**TakeUs2**                    **6pm Next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

## **What's News**

### **SEACLIFF SPIRITUALITY- COMING PROGRAMMES**

#### **Quiet Day NB: Change of reflection topic.**

I have had to make a change to the topic on which we will reflect on this Quiet Day. Rather than focus on Henri Nouwen's "*The Return of the Prodigal*", the focus will be "*Journey to Freedom*". You will be invited to reflect on the Exodus, not only as an event in Israel's past but as a present reality for us all. The Exodus invites us to journey from whatever enslaves or binds us to freedom. A Quiet half-day actually will be held next **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** from 9:30am-12:30pm (stay for a BYO lunch if you would like to.)

#### **Advent Reflection**

Each Advent we, at Seacliff, have offered a three-week reflection exploring the events we have celebrated many times, Advent, and Christmas. In the invariable busyness of the season, we can perhaps feel a bit disconnected from the story of Jesus' birth and its meaning for us in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The theme for this year will be, "The Birth of Jesus- a Fresh Look". We know the Christmas story well, perhaps too well, from pageants, carols and perhaps movies. But what if there is more to the story? These three sessions will revisit the Christmas stories and hopefully bring new life to this timeless story of wonder- the birth of Jesus.

Sessions will be held **on Tuesday 29/11, 6/12 and 13/12 at 10:30am and Thursday 1, 8 and 15/12 at 2:00pm.**

If you are intending to come, could you please indicate from today on a 'sign up' sheet your intention. This is simply so I know how many copies of the reflection materials I need to run off.

For any queries, please speak with *Gary*.



## TAKEUS 2

The final TakeUs2 for 2022 will be a Christmas special next **Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup>**. Rosemary will share her travels in England and Wales.

We will be taken to many places including London, Cornwall, Lakes District, Yorkshire, Shrewsbury and Wales.

Soup and light dinner at **6.00pm** and a festive supper.

Gold coin entry to cover costs. Everyone welcome.

*Annette and Geoff*

## CogsnCoffee

As per norm, 10 of us were looked after very well at plant 4.

A longer ride for all of us, topping 40k this past ride.

Next week, meet at 8.30am at Seacliff U C for a ride following the Coast to the Vines track to Seaford train station. Coffee will be at the coffee shop on River Rd.

*Brian*

## Adult Fellowship

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, **23<sup>rd</sup> November at 1.30pm** in the Church Hall. Activity for the day is "**Christmas Reflections, Traditions and Treasures**". **Blue group** is on duty. Visitors welcome.

*Chris*

## 2022 Church Christmas Dinner

**Just a final reminder** - please contact Annette or Geoff on 0438664100 this week if you would like to attend the 2022 Annual Seacliff Uniting Church Christmas Dinner which will be held on **Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Seacliff Surf Lifesaving Club**. All are welcome.

*Annette & Geoff*



## Notes from the Treasurer

Just following up a few matters from our AGM last Sunday:

· The current figures for our Mission Projects are:

Current Missions	2022 paid IN (\$)	2022 paid OUT	In Account	Total paid OUT <sup>[L]</sup> <sub>SEP</sub> (since 2018)
'We Dream'	2,853	2,284	*2,299	12,072
C.O.F.A.	4,022	3,504	417	5,744
C.P.C.S.W. (Booksale)	4,600	4,600	17	12,200
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11,475</b>	<b>10,388</b>	<b>2,733</b>	<b>30,016</b>

(\*also check the 'Gauge' on the Mission Noticeboard)

· The money from the sale of the manse about 10 years ago is in the (long-term) *UC Invest Share Fund* which usually yields between 4-6%pa. I will be pleased to provide more details privately if you wish.

### Last week's AGM

Thank you again to all the people who attended, and to those who consented to be nominated to fill the various positions open.

#### Proposed building work – access toilet

If you have any questions, or if something needs clarifying, or if you have any other response, please talk to Max or Geoff or David: we will be happy to talk the matter through.

### Reminders for AGM Part 2: Feb 19<sup>th</sup>

Report writers: please have them to Rosemary by the end of January.

Reminder also that we will conduct the election for membership of Church Council at that meeting: nominations for election must be with the secretary by 10.45 a.m. on **Sunday, the 5<sup>th</sup> February** so that they can be announced with the required two weeks' notice.

Max

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Worship Leaders for Today: Rev. Jim Winn  
Lectionary for Today: **20 November 2022: Jer 23: 1 - 6;**  
**Lk 1: 68 - 79; Col 1: 11 - 20; Lk 23: 33 - 43.**  
Reminder for Stewards: 27 November 2022  
Pauline Galliford                      Brian Gepp

### **Welcome to our Church.**

Things you need to know, especially if you are a visitor.  
**Fire exits** are marked. Please take note. In the case of an emergency evacuation please gather on the Western Lawns under the Pine Tree. **St John First Aid Kit** - on top of the pigeon holes up from the ramp. **Toilets** are available through the door front right of the Worship Area or out through the turn around point on the ramp. **Morning tea** is held after the service – we hope you will join with us. According to our **Covid plan**, please note the seating arrangements within the building for your safety.

### **Items for the Newsletter**

Please email items to [newsletter@seacliffuc.org](mailto:newsletter@seacliffuc.org) by 5pm on Wednesdays. If you do not have access to email, please phone or call in at the church office and it will be forwarded for you.

### **Our Minister is Rev. Gary Stuckey.**

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